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Response to Amendment filed March 6, 2003

The reply filed on March 6, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): (1) The Applicant's reply does not comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because the remarks do not specifically point out how newly added claims 34-38 are patentable over the prior art of record. The Applicant may have intended the remarks with respect to claim 1 to apply to claims 34-38 as well. However, the record is unclear as to whether this assumption is correct. A response to this letter may merely point out that the remarks with respect to claim 1 apply to all pending claims in the application. (2) The Applicant's reply does not comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because it does not discuss the differences between claims 19 and 25 and the combination used in the rejection under 35 USC 103(a). Again, the Applicant may have intended the remarks with respect to claim 1 to apply to claims 19 and 25.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a time period of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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